

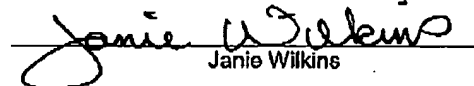
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Sir:

In response to the Office action mailed December 23, 2004, please
amend the above-identified application as follows and reconsider the
application in light of the following remarks. A request for a one-month
extension of time accompanies this response.

-Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims, which
begins on page 2 of this paper.

-Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.